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1. The following Bulgarian military units were located in the Kharmanlii area:
- a. In late June 1952, an unidentified infantry battalion arrived from North-  
ern Bulgaria and was assigned to a camp, built by Trudovak units, approxi-  
mately two kilometers east of Malki Voden (N4140 E2557);
  - b. On 8 July 1952, an unidentified armored unit had tanks in Kharmanlii and  
at location N415535 E255520; the tanks were equipped with 75 mm. guns;
  - c. On 30 June 1952, an unidentified unit, equipped with 30 tanks and 15  
Soviet vehicles, was seen at Tesna (N4143 E2320), Devin district; each  
vehicle had a mortar and a machine gun;
  - d. On 13 July 1952, a Trudovak company left Vurbovo (N4146 E2551), where it  
had been working, and allegedly half of it went to the Samokov area and  
half to the Simitli area (N4153 E2306), Petrich district; the company was  
composed of 200 to 300 men and was commanded by Second Lieutenant Todor  
Maskov.

2. [redacted] bunkers in the Vurbovo area, as follows:

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- a. Bunker No. 1, located 500 meters north of Hill 514 (N414415 E255015),  
and 500 meters east of the road leading from Hill 514 to Vurbovo;
- b. Bunker No. 2, located northwest of Bunker No. 1;
- c. Bunker No. 5, located approximately 300 meters south of the edge of  
Vurbovo; Bunkers No. 3 and No. 4 are situated southwest of Bunker No. 5  
and are 20 meters apart;

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- d. Bunker No. 6, located northwest of Bunker No. 5, at a point approximately 150 meters from the western edge of Vurbovo;
- e. Bunkers No. 7, No. 8, and No. 9, located approximately 500 meters west of the edge of Vurbovo; the three bunkers are 20 meters apart; 50X1-HUM
- f. Bunker No. 13, located approximately 20 meters south of the bridge (sic); [ ] did not know the location of Bunkers No. 10, No. 11, and No. 12);
- g. Bunker No. 14, located approximately 20 meters north of the bridge mentioned in paragraph f. 50X1-HUM
- h. Bunkers No. 15, No. 16, No. 17, No. 18, and No. 19, [ ] 50X1-HUM
3. All the bunkers listed above are circular-shaped, two meters in diameter, and "the height of a man." The bunkers were completed on 13 July 1952, at which time the Trudovak construction company left the area.
4. Additional bunkers have been constructed north and west of the village of Malki Voden. Trenches have been built from Malki Voden to Hill 618, at location N414410 E255315, and from the village of Chereshak (N4142 E2558) towards Malko Gradishte. It was rumored that other defense installations and trenches were to be constructed from Nova Mahala (N4148 E2552) to Cherna Mogila.
5. Anti-tank barriers have been constructed at the edge of Chernichino (N4136 E2551), near the road to Ivaylovgrad. Small steel beams have been placed in concrete bases. [ ] 50X1-HUM
6. An unspecified quantity of bricks were transported to Bulgarin (N4157 E2558) and to Glavan where they were to be used in the construction of various defense projects.
7. An underground ammunition and weapons warehouse is located at N515450 E255550.

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